

Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. In the Office Action, claims 6-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jordan (US 7,035,904).

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, claims 6-17 and 19 are rejected as being anticipated by Jordan. The rejection of these claims is respectfully traversed.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the Jordan fails to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) because the inventors of the Jordan reference and the present application are the identical, Jordan is not an application filed “by another” as required by 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Therefore, since Jordan is not prior art, it is respectfully submitted that claims 6-17 and 19 are allowable and the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant’s attorney at the number listed below.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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Respectfully submitted,

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